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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/NL00/00297

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Title of Invention: METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING WAFERS AND RING

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
- a) ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) ☐ a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
  - d) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
- e) ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - f) ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - g) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - h) ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
- (X) A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and PTO Form 1449 and fourteen (14) references.
- (X) An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- (X) International Application as published (with attached International Search Report).
- (X) A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
- (X) Five (5) sheets of drawings.
- (X) A return prepaid postcard.

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Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment in 3 pages;  
International Application as published (with attached International Search Report);  
Preliminary Amendment in 8 pages;  
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